

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:

Applicant: Hirano et al.

Serial No.: 09/866,422

Conf. No.: 5981

Filed: May 25, 2001

For: DISK UNIT HAVING MECHANISM
FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING
HEAD UNIFORMLY IN
CIRCUMFERENTIAL DIRECTION OF
A DISK (As Amended)

Art Unit: 2651

Examiner: Tzeng, Fred

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

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Total Claims	14	20	0	x \$18.00	= \$.00
Independent Claims	7	3	4	x \$86.00	= \$ 344.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$290.00	= \$.00
Total Additional Fee					\$ 344.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$.00

(X) Amendment A, with 3 annotated sheets showing changes.

(X) A check in the amount of \$344.00.

(X) Submission of Formal Drawings, with 3 replacement sheets.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

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